

Marianna Leivaditaki



Marianna Leivaditaki is the head chef at Morito, a very popular restaurant on Hackney Road, in London. She was born on the island of Crete, in Greece. Her father was a Cretan fisherman and her mother was Scottish. Together they ran a seafood restaurant, which is where Marianna spent most of her childhood.



Listen to an interview and say which was her favorite food as a child,

Listen again and insert the missing words:

At home we ate a funny _____, because of my parents.
Even on an island fish is _____ unfortunately.
That's how I cook _____ nowadays in the restaurant, in Morito.
I wrote down _____, which I wanted to cook for the family in a blue notebook.
My aunt, Thia Koula, had animals, a garden, olive trees and grapes. In the summer, I often spent all day with her. She knew everything about wild _____ in Crete.
Occasionally my mum used to buy me and my brother souvlaki for lunch, a sort of Greek _____ with pitta bread.

Listen to the second part and say whether the following statements are true or false. Put down T or F.

Marianna studied psychology in the UK.	
As a student, she was doing a part-time job.	
Marianna travelled to Argentina in Latin America.	
She worked in her family restaurant for three years.	
Her favourite restaurant Moro in London serves Greek food.	
She got a job with Moro.	
In seven years, Marianna became the head chef of Moro.	
Her restaurant Morito more serves Cretan dishes.	
Marianna goes to Crete six to seven times a year.	
Her family's restaurant is still working.	
When she goes out for lunch in Crete with her friends, they always order too much.	